

HONORING BISMARCK

Thousands Celebrate the Ex-Chancellor's Birthday.

THE CITY OF PARIS UNINJURED.

No Damages Except Those in the Engine Room—The Great Liner Goes on Her Way Rejoicing—Enthusiastic Thousands Journey to Friedrichsruhe to Pay Homage to the Man of Iron.

BERLIN, April 2.—The celebration of Prince Bismarck's 75th birthday at Friedrichsruhe yesterday was characterized by more enthusiasm and general festivity than has marked any similar occasion since the observance of the old chancellor's natal day became an occurrence. Five special trains loaded with Prince Bismarck's admirers mingled their freight with that of the regular trains, which landed thousands of persons at Friedrichsruhe during the day and the castle was thronged with visitors until a late hour. In addition to these personal visits the ex-chancellor received over 1,800 birthday greetings by mail and wire and numerous presents. The emperor sent his portrait. Twelve hundred railway employees, bearing torches, proceeded to Friedrichsruhe last evening and serenaded Prince Bismarck, also presenting the ex-chancellor with an address. Replying to the address Prince Bismarck said he had always advocated rapid communication. The railway was now the vehicle of civilization.



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Battering Rams at an Election.

LONDON, April 2.—It is expected that the parliamentary election which is being held in Windsor today will be one of the liveliest contests of late years. Both parties are working hard, the Conservatives to maintain their majority of about 250 and the Liberals to overcome it by the popularity of their candidate and the accessions to their ranks, through the increase of the total vote in the district since the last election. The Liberals have organized an immense parade as one of the features, of which will be one of the Balfour battering rams used by the government's electors in the contest of late years. The Conservatives have declared that they will capture this engine of destruction and should they adhere to this resolve an exciting scene will ensue, which may result in many broken heads.

The City of Paris Is All Right.

LONDON, April 2.—The following statement, made by the agents of the Inman steamship, which has been telegraphed from Queenstown: The flooded compartments of the steamer City of Paris have all been pumped dry. Close examination shows that the bottom of the vessel is uninjured and that all the bulkheads are sound except those in the engine room, which were somewhat damaged from the pounding of the broken machinery. The port engines are in working condition, and the steamer has left Queenstown for Liverpool under her own steam. In our judgment the vessel will be throughout perfectly safe, and everything indicates that she would have continued to float indefinitely, as she was without submersion or risk after the original disaster occurred.

Fair Play to Newspapers.

BERLIN, April 2.—Chancellor Von Caprivi has announced his intention to abandon the system of inspired journals, which he believes to be unfair to other newspapers and productive of no benefit to the inspiring authority. In future he will decline to extend favors to one paper which are denied to another, but will, on the other hand, aim at a wider and more equitable distribution of official news among respectable journals without reference to their political leanings than has been heretofore the practice.

Wilhelm to Conciliate France.

BERLIN, April 2.—It is stated that Emperor William is preparing a scheme for a peaceful compromise of the existing differences between Germany and France and will submit the terms to the French government at an early day. The plan is said to be so entirely feasible that its tender by the more aggressive of the two powers cannot fail of cordial acceptance by the other, though it may possibly be subjected to slight modification.

Parnell and Capt. O'Shea.

LONDON, April 2.—Mr. Parnell has filed denials in the case of Capt. O'Shea vs. Parnell, as co-respondent, and Mr. O'Shea has asked a month's delay in filing her pleas. Capt. O'Shea will oppose the granting of further delay, believing, as he alleges, that postponement is sought for political effect. It is now regarded as impossible to bring the case to trial before autumn at the earliest.

Simon Likes William.

PARIS, April 2.—M. Jules Simon, the head of the French delegation to the Berlin labor conference expresses himself as surprised at the extent of the knowledge displayed by Emperor William, who he declares is greatly changed and has been falsely represented to the French people for some months past.

Retired Soldiers Are Civilians.

BERLIN, April 2.—The emperor has decided that military officers on the retired list are under the jurisdiction of the civil authorities and must in all cases be amenable to the civilian laws.

Dortmund Miners Strike.

BERLIN, April 2.—The miners employed in the coal pits at Dortmund have joined the strike. Work is proceeding quietly in the Essen district.

In Stam you can get good board for forty-five cents a week, and this includes washing, the use of two servants to run errands, tickets to shows, three shaves and all the cigars you can smoke.

Fifty fillings an ounce was the price paid in England the other day for an Irish toilet service in silver of the time of William and Mary. It was not very highly ornamented, but it sold for \$3,500.

Measurements of a quarter of a million of soldiers have shown that males do not reach adult age until about 23, and that

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WE CAN SELL YOU PROPERTY IN ANY PART OF OUR CITY.

Roanoke City is located in the Iron belt district of Virginia 1,000 feet above sea level, between the Blue Ridge range on the East, and the Alleghany range on the West. Roanoke has a history that reads like a romance.

American enterprise has no brighter gem in its diadem of achievements than bustling and picturesque Roanoke. The growth of Roanoke is upon a solid basis as evidenced by the thrift and prosperity of its citizens. Roanoke is a city of 18,000 busy souls today. February, 1890, when only a few years ago she was a small village of 400 people who were tilling the land upon which is now built magnificent structures, classical and prepossessing in appearance. We will name some of the principal industries now in operation and doing a successful business: First, the Roanoke Machine Works, that gives employment to 1,200 experienced mechanics, and to these works will be added additional improvements that will give employment for 600 more men. Next comes the American Bridge Works that employ a large number of skilled workmen and this industry will also add to their present larger plant, finding it necessary, in order to supply the demand made upon them for work in their line. Next comes the Roanoke Rolling Mill, that has been steadily at work since their organization one year ago. The incorporators of this valuable adjunct to our city find it absolutely necessary to enlarge their plant and have so ordered it. Then comes the Crozier twin furnace with an output of 250 tons of pig iron per day. The Roanoke Iron company are building and will soon go into blast with a heavy 125 ton furnace. A large force of hands are employed at these last-mentioned enterprises. Next in order is the Norfolk and Western and Shenandoah Valley railroad repair shops; these shops give employment to a large number of workmen. This is the end of the division for the Norfolk and Western and the terminus of the Shenandoah, and the employees of both roads are paid off here, making a total of \$100,000 per month paid out here from the few enterprises mentioned. In addition to these industries is a number of smaller enterprises, such as will be found in the subjoined list:

Gas Company, capital \$120,000.
Electric light, both arc and incandescent.
Water works, the finest in the state, cost \$250,000.
Virginia Steel Company, capital \$5,000,000.
Diamond Ice Company, \$25,000.
Six planing mills, capital, \$50,000.
Virginia Packing Company, capital \$25,000.
Virginia Brewing Company, capital \$50,000.
Has six banks, aggregate surplus, \$1,000,000.
Headquarters of the Pocahontas Coal Company, the largest coal operators in the world.
Headquarters of the Norfolk and Western railroad which employs 300 clerks, also the Shenandoah Valley railroad which employs 75 clerks.
Headquarters of the Washington and Western Railroad Company.
Headquarters of the Virginia Mineral Railroad Company.
Headquarters of the Roanoke and Southern railroad.
Tubbs Engine Company, capital \$100,000.
Rife's Hydraulic Engine Company, capital \$25,000.
Has ten hotels accommodating 1,000 guests.
Has nine building and loan associations, capital stock combined \$1,000,000.
Opera house, 75x170 feet.
Public buildings—three school houses aggregate cost \$50,000; Court house and jail cost \$35,000; Market house cost \$10,000; has twelve churches representing nearly every denomination. Has a large wholesale trade embracing sixteen of the most productive counties in the Old Dominion. This trade also extends into West Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina.

The only city of any consequence within two hundred miles of Roanoke, is the city of Lynchburg by the James. Roanoke is the headquarters of nearly all the mining companies operating in the Southwest.

Has the Roanoke river passing along its border, furnishing unsurpassed water power for manufacturing purposes.

Has Masonic Temple building, cost 25,000.

One thousand miles of railroad now in operation focus at Roanoke.

Roanoke street railway and transportation is now in full operation.

The bonded debt of Roanoke is less than that of any city of equal size in the South, being less than \$200,000. The city tax is \$1.25 cts. lighter than that of any city in the South and under the charter can not be increased.

The railroads and various manufacturing enterprises of Roanoke have monthly pay rolls aggregating \$200,000 all of which is paid to the citizens of Roanoke.

Has an excellent fire department.

The Roanoke Carriage Company is erecting an extensive establishment and have a large field in which they will operate, extending into North Carolina and West Virginia.

Roanoke has two large flour mills, the largest of which has elevators with a capacity to store \$75,000 worth of grain.

So much for the different industries already established and now doing a flourishing business. We will mention some few industries that are in process of organization:

The Steel Plant, Cotton Mill, Hardware Forge, West End Yards, and Stationary Agricultural Implement Factory, Boot and Shoe factory, and a number of smaller enterprises, all these together with the completion of the Roanoke and Southern railroad which is being pushed rapidly towards our city and is now completed to Martinsville, the county seat of Henry, will add fifty per cent to our present population.

We will also mention some improvements that will be made here by the Norfolk and Western railroad and their associates (sub rosa). First, the main office building will be increased to double its present confine, then belgian block the streets around and about their freehold, including Hotel Roanoke to which well-known hostelry will be added 125 rooms, which addition is now under construction, the material used in this improvement is stone and frame; all of which will be executed in the best workmanship manner. The double tracking of the Norfolk and Western will add largely to the population of Roanoke. This work has been let and the contractors are now preparing to begin their work.

The Roanoke and Southern railroad with its terminus and headquarters at Roanoke is now building rapidly towards Roanoke, and this road will begin work at this end within ninety days from the 18th day of February, 1890. This will assure for Roanoke an increase over her present population of twenty to thirty thousand people.

That you may understand what Roanoke is doing we will give you the amount expended on improvements in our city from February 1886, to February 1889, as compiled by the Herald:

The building of business houses amount to \$1,913,100, amount spent upon residences \$681,470, making a grand total of \$2,594,570. This does not include income joint stock companies. Notwithstanding money spent in so many houses, today it is a hard to find a vacant house. Investments in property in the South have been said and done, but have never been made here for a number of years. We are personally acquainted with many of the gentlemen of every lot up and down the river, and we respectfully invite you to come and see for yourselves at home with us; please room to make you comfortable; our conveyances are at your service. Trusting we may meet you here.

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